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EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: U.S. CONCERNS RE: ATIKOKAN POWER PLANT EXPRESSED
TO MINISTER FOR FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT

1. FOLLOWING A BRIEF CEREMONY AUGUST 5 IN WHICH MINISTER FOR FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENT ROMEO LEBLANC SIGNED FOR CANADA THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE SPRUCE BUD-WORM, I EXPRESSED TO HIM THE GROWING POLITICAL CONCERN IN THE U.S., PARTICULARLY IN MINNESOTA, WITH REGARD TD THE PROPOSAL BY ONTARID HYDRO TO BUILD A COAL-BURNING POWER PLANT AT ATIKOKAN, ONTARIO, CLOSE TO DESIGNATED WILDERNESS AREAS. I SAID THIS WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBING AT A TIME WHEN THE CLEAN AIR ACT WAS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT FOR SIG-NATURE. LEBLANC NOTED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS A PROVINCIAL ONE. HE SAID IT WAS GOOD HOWEVER TO HAVE THE U.S. CON-CERNS EXPRESSED SINCE IT GIVES HIS OFFICE BETTER LEVERAGE IN WORKING WITH THE PROVINCES ON THE QUESTION. HE ADDED THAT THE NEXT BIG PROBLEM FACING OUR COUNTRIES IS, IN FACT, THE LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT OF AIR POLLUTANTS. HE WAS ALARMED AT THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF PCBS IN THE ARCTIC AND WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT A REPORT THAT MARITIME FORESTRIES HAD REGISTERED A REGENERATION SLOW-DOWN AS A RESULT OF
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EASTERN CORRIDOR POLLUTION FROM THE U.S.

2. COMMENT: ON THE GENERAL QUESTION OF AIR POLLUTION, LEBLANC SEEMED TO BE HEAVY ON THE ABSTRACT PROBLEM OF LONG RANGE AIR POLLUTION BUT LIGHT ON SPECIFICS SUCH AS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT ATIKOKAN. WE WILL FOLLOW UP. ENDERS

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